Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail : With regard to parts (*c*) and (*d*) I merely asked the number of applicants and the number appointed but the answer is an explanation of the principle in making the appointments in the department. I wish to know from the honourable member the number of Muslims who have applied for the post.

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : That information is not available. As I have already stated in the answer, the recruitment was made by the Transport Superintendent with due regard to efficiency and past experience.

Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail : I admit, Sir, that it is an explanation of the principle. But what about the number of Muslims who applied for appointment in the Transport Department ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : As I said already that information is not available with Government.

Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail : May I know whether any particular community is debarred from serving in the Commercial Department ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : There is no such prohibition, Sir.

Grants to physicians treating cases of snake-bites.

90. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of deaths due to snake-bites in the taluks of (*i*) Kunnatnad and (*ii*) Muvattupuzha in each of the years 1110, 1111 and 1112 ;

(*b*) the number of physicians who can treat cases of snake-bites in the taluks of (*i*) Muvattupuzha and (*ii*) Kunnatnad ;

(*c*) whether Government give any grant-in-aid to any physician who is an expert in snake-bites in the taluks of (*i*) Kunnatnad and (*ii*) Muvattupuzha ; and

(*d*) if so, the number of such physicians ?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao : (*a*) and (*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this does not arise.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether it is the Government's view that it is unnecessary to give statistics relating to deaths due to snake bites ?

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Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao: As the Vaidyans referred to are not connected with the Ayurveda Department they are not bound to furnish any statistics and hence it was not possible to give the figure.

Maximum yield of an acre of paddy land.

91. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of paddy that an acre of land in Travancore was made to yield by the best methods of cultivation known to the Department of Agriculture; and

(*b*) what the expenses of such cultivation come to per acre?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) 1000 lbs.

(*b*) The expenses of this particular cultivation exclusive of land tax came to about Rs. 36 per acre.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know the value of the gross yield from an acre of land?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: It will depend upon the prevailing price of paddy.

Vernacular Middle School for South Ariad.

92. ***Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total strength of the South Ariad V. P. School in Ambalapuzha taluk, with the number of pupils in each of the four classes.

(*b*) whether they have received any representation from the people of the place requesting to raise the school to a V. M. School;

(*c*) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, the orders passed thereon?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon:

(*a*) 399 ... Class IV .... 79; Class III ... 78; Class II ... 123; Class I 119

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

Award of grant to Balavaidyasala in Neeleeswaram.

93. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial, dated 23-8-1113, from the inhabitants of Manjapra, Manickamangalam and Kotakulangara pakuthies in Kunnatnad taluk for sanctioning a grant for a Balavaidyasala in Neeleeswaram *kara* in Manickamangalam pakuthi in Kunnatnad taluk;

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